An Act,

Paſſed by the Great and General Court or Aſſembly of His Majeſty's Province of the *Maſſachuſetts-Bay* in *New-England:* Begun and Held at *Boſton* upon Wedneſday the twenty ſixth Day of *May* 1742. And continued by Adjournments and Prorogations unto Thurſday the thirty firſt of *March* following.

CHAP. XXII.

An Act to enable the Town of *Weymouth* to regulate and order the taking and diſpoſing of the Fiſh called *Shadd* and *Alewives*, within the Limits of that Town.

WHEREAS the Town of Weymouth, *in the County of* Suffolk, *have been at conſiderable Expence and Charge in purchaſing and opening a Water Paſſage for the Fiſh called* Shadd *and* Alewives *from the Sea into a Pond called* Whitman's *Pond and Great Pond, being wholly within the Bounds of ſaid Town, it ſeems reaſonable and but juſt that the ſole ordering the taking of ſaid Fiſh, and the Diſpoſition of them when taken, ſhould be wholly veſted in ſaid Town of* Weymouth: Preamble.

To which Purpoſe;

Be it enacted by the Governour, Council and Houſe of Repreſentatives, That from and after the Publication of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town of *Weymouth*, at a Meeting regularly aſſembled for that Purpoſe, from Time to Time during the Continuance of this Act, to determine and order how, in what Manner, by whom and what Place or Places, Time or Times in the Year, the ſaid Fiſh may be taken within the Town aforeſaid, and ſhall cauſe a Copy of ſuch Order atteſted by the Town-Clerk to be poſted up in ſome publick Place in ſaid Town of *Weymouth*, whereunto all Perſons ſhall conform with reſpect to the taking and diſpoſing of ſaid Fiſh, on Penalty that the Offender againſt the ſame ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of *ten Shillings* for each Offence, to be recovered before any Town of *Weymouth* to regulate the Fiſhing at *Whitman's* Pond.

Juſtice of the Peace by the Treaſurer of the Town of *Weymouth*, and applied the one Moiety to the Poor of the Town of *Weymouth*, and the other to him or them that may ſue for the ſame.

Proviſo for the Neighbouring Towns.

Provided, The ſaid Town of *Weymouth* do for the Benefit of the neighbouring Towns appoint one or more meet Perſon or Perſons to fiſh for their Supply during the uſual Seaſon, and give publick Notice on or before the twentieth of this Inſtant *April*, and for the future, on or before the firſt Day of *April* annually, of Time, Place, Perſon or Perſons by which they are to be ſupplied, and for ſuch Fiſh ſo ſupplied and delivered, that the ſaid Town of *Weymouth* or thoſe employed by them, ſhall demand or receive no more than *four Pence* per Hundred for *Alewives*, and *ſix Shillings* per Hundred for Shadd, and ſo in Proportion for a greater or leſſer Quantity.

Juſtices to appoint Perſons for the Neighbouring Towns.

And provided alſo, That if the Perſon or Perſons appointed by the ſaid Town of *Weymouth* for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, ſhall neglect or refuſe that Service, upon Application of any two or more Perſons aggrieved to the two next Juſtices in the neighbouring Towns, they may appoint one or more meet Perſon or Perſons, which ſhall be ſubject to the general Orders of ſaid Town reſpecting the Fiſhery aforeſaid, and who ſhall give ſufficient Security to the Acceptance of the aforeſaid Juſtices, to render and pay to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Town of *Weymouth*, the full Produce of his or their Fiſhing at the Rates aforeſaid, after a reaſonable Deduction being made at the Diſcretion of the Juſtices aforeſaid for the ſaid Perſon or Perſons Time and Labour therein, ſaving always to the Indians the Right of fiſhing in the Ponds aforeſaid, and the Water Paſſages leading thereto.

This Act to continue and be in Force for the Space of three Years from the Publication thereof and no longer.

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